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REMARKS

By this amendment, claims 2, 8, 9, 20, and 24 have been amended, and claims 1, 6, 7, 19, 22, 23, and 25 have been canceled. No claims have been added.

Claims 2-5, 8-18, 20, 21, and 24 remain pending. Reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claim 9 has been amended to now depend from claim 8.

Claim 24 has been amended to now depend from claim 20.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 6, 7, 9, 19, and 22-25.

Claims 1, 6, 7, 19, 22, 23, and 25 have been canceled rendering the rejection moot.

The Examiner objected to claims 2-5, 8, 20 and 21 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but indicated that they would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 2 has been amended to include all the limitations of base claim 1. Therefore, claim 2 should now be allowable.

Claims 3-5, which depend from claim 2, recite additional features of the invention and should therefore now be allowable.

Claim 8 has been amended to include all the limitations of base claim 1 and intervening claims 6 and 7. Therefore, claim 8 should now be allowable.

Claims 9, which depends from claim 8, recites additional features of the invention and should therefore now be allowable.

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Claim 20 has been amended to include all the limitations of base claim 19. Therefore, claim 20 should now be allowable.

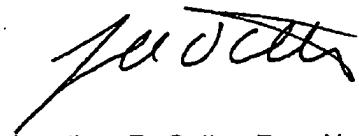
Claims 21 and 24, which depend from claim 20, recite additional features of the invention and should therefore now be allowable.

Claims 10-18 were indicated to be allowable by the Examiner.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, the Applicant respectfully submits that claims 2-5, 8-18, 20, 21, and 24 are now allowable and that the entire application is now in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desirable to place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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